
Fairbanks Pioneer Home News

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Welcome

This summer we welcomed several new residents to the Fairbanks Pioneer Home. In June we welcomed Carroll Coe and Edna Burgess. In July we welcomed Alexandra “Maggie” Hebert-Ross and Deborah “Debbie” Stanton. In August we welcomed Patricia “Pat” Turner. Please stop by and say ‘hello!’ and learn something new about your new neighbors



Our new NANA Food Service

Manager:

John Seidenschmidt



The Fairbanks Pioneer Home welcomes our new NANA Food Service Manager John Seidenschmidt. John has been busy in and out of the kitchen. We are happy to have him join us.

April in Review

April was a busy month for us. We had to make changes to our dining room and how we conduct our activities but the sun shined on and warm weather came.

Activities put on their bunny ears and hand out Easter bags full of candy and chocolates to our residents. Residents sure did get a giggle from visiting the Easter bunny.



The Fairbanks Pioneer Home Easter bunny striking a pose

Thanks to our Foundation WiFi was installed in our library and in the sitting area in Aurora. We also have two iPads so that residents can stay in touch with family via FaceTime, Skype or Zoom. To arrange these video calls please call Valerie Robancho at 458-2243.

While we were working out the bugs of these video calls we did white board messages that residents could send to their families. There were messages of love, hope and distant hugs to love ones.



Ginny’s whiteboard message to her love ones



Jannine's whiteboard message to her girls

We opened up our courtyards for our residents to soak up some sun and enjoy the fresh air. Activities pushes a daily snack cart so that our residents have a yummy treat in the afternoons.

May in Review

For Mother's Day this year we did it a little bit differently. We emailed out to families if they wanted to send pictures of themselves and Mother's Day message to their moms, we would print and gave them to our residents. On May 8th we brought a lot of smiles delivering pictures and messages of love to the lovely moms in our Home.



Ruth had a lovely Mother's Day surprise!



May 29th was planting and pie throwing day! Staff and residents helped plant flowers in the flower boxes and vegetables in our gardens. The Home was blooming with pansies, begonias, and snap dragons!



Jenny planting flowers in the flower boxes



Residents making the Home spring to life



Shelley and Chrissy getting dirty

After planting our residents and our staff needed a laugh so the Home organized some pies thrown at some staff members. Everyone had a messy, grand time!



Sonja getting ready to throw her pie

June in Review

On June 18th residents celebrated Father's Day with some cold root beer floats in the sunshine! Residents really came out to enjoy the warm weather and a float or two! For June we watered, weeded, went outside for walks, window visit with loved ones, and enjoy the warm weather.



Angie and Doug our willing pie volunteers



Father's Day floats for Moosewood residents



Urban and Lillian enjoying their floats



Floats and sun for Ginny and Chris

July in Review

The Golden Days parade this year was a REVERSE PARADE! Parade attendees cruised through the Tanana Valley State Fairgrounds and greet floats as they pass. On July 18th several busloads of our residents cruised through the parade route where they greeted and waved at the floats.

Golden Days would not be complete without music and dressing up! On July 21st residents dressed up in their Golden Days garb, sang songs, had a picnic lunch, and had a costume parade around the Home! Our residents had a grand time dressing up and bringing smiles to the rest of their neighbors



Josephine and Shelly sharing a laugh



Sing along in Moosewood



Costume parade around the Home

August in Review

In August we walked in the sunshine, went on bus rides for ice cream, window visits and video calls with love ones all through the month.

Hallway Bingo is still a big hit and we are still conducting small exercises groups and activities.

Near the end of the month we harvested vegetables from our gardens and gave them to the Kitchen for the residents to enjoy.

Staying in touch

If you want to send cards, letters, notes, words of encouragement, photos, etc., you can drop them off at our front office or mail them to the Home.

You can send things to:
 ATTN: Valerie Robancho
 2221 Eagan Avenue
 Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

We also offer FaceTime, Skype, and Zoom calls as well as window visits for our residents on Tuesdays 10-11:00 AM and Thursdays 1-2:00 PM. Please contact Valerie Robancho at 458-2243 or email at valerie.robancho@alaska.gov to set up an appointment.

Looking for donations

Recreation supplies:

- Coloring books
- Non-toxic markers
- Coloring pencils packs
- Word search books
- Crosswords and puzzle books (large print)
- DVD's (musicals, animals, sing-alongs, military, westerns)

Food items:

- Full size candy bars & sodas (Coke, Diet Coke, Dr. Pepper, root beer, ginger ale, etc.)



Happy Birthday!

Richard Fineberg – September 9th

Joyce Paskvan – September 10th

Deborah “Debbie” Stanton – September 11th

Judith “Judy” Martsolf – September 18th

Norma Martinson – September 19th

Henry Cole – September 21st

Martha Ott – September 23rd

Dietrich Strohmaier – September 25th

Norma Ross – September 30th

In Memoriam

This summer we lost our dear residents and friends Thomas “Tommy” Murphy, Shirley Jenkins, Martha Major, Angela “Angie” Geraghty, and Dorothy “Dotty” Sonafrank. We will miss our beloved residents. Please keep their families in your thoughts and prayers.♥

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who have made cards, letters, and donations throughout this summer. Everyone at the Fairbanks Pioneer Home really appreciate it.

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